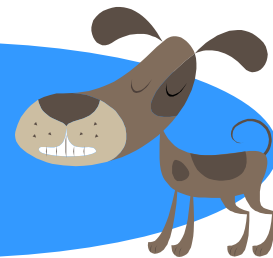


# Gimme Shelter

## News from the Loudoun County Animal Shelter

Loudoun County  
Department of  
Animal Care &  
Control



July/August 2009

Volume 5, Issue 7

## Adoptions Heat Up

Adoptions are on the rise this summer, with July having the most animals adopted in 2009 to date! **82 animals** found new loving homes in July, thanks in part to our "Cat Independence Month" promotion, which helped **51 cats** find families.

Adoptions in July were up **18%** from June, and **46%** from May.

Animal Care & Control Director Tom Koenig credits the creativity and hard work of Department staff in helping to increase adoptions. "Our community outreach programs, including the cat adoption promotion and new mobile adoption vehicle, truly make a difference to our shelter animals and their ability to connect with potential adopters. I look forward to the increase continuing and to new, exciting events in the Fall."

So far, August shows no signs of slowing down as **12 animals** were adopted on Saturday, August 1 alone!

The new mobile adoption vehicle has helped drive adoptions as well, with **7 animals** finding new homes at mobile adoption events. Mobile adoptions will continue throughout August, with an event planned for every week of the month! And, as a special bonus, the spay/neuter fee will be waived for any animal adopted during a mobile adoption event (if necessary).

If you're looking for a pet, now is the time to visit the Animal Shelter. Your new best friend is waiting for you!

## Cool Pets Avoid Hot Cars

Every summer, Animal Control receives several calls a day regarding dogs left inside vehicles. In Loudoun County, it is illegal to leave an animal in a car when the outside temperature is above 70 degrees and the temperature inside the vehicle is above 80 degrees. And sadly, it can also be deadly.

A Stanford University study showed that on a 72 degree day, a car's internal temperature can reach 116 degrees in 60 minutes. A dog's normal body temperature is between 100 and 102.5 degrees, and pets are in danger of heatstroke at 110 degrees.

Dogs and cats are especially vulnerable to heat because they cannot sweat like humans. They are only able to release body heat by panting and breathing in cool air. When they are inside a hot

vehicle, with only hot air to breathe, they are unable to lower their body temperature and can die within a short period of time.

Sadly, dogs die every year inside hot vehicles. Often, the owner is running errands and goes inside "just for a minute."

The best way to prevent this tragedy is to leave pets at home on warm days. Your dog or cat will appreciate relaxing in the cool comfort of home and you can relax knowing that he or she is safe. And, if you see a pet inside a car, first see if you can locate the owner. If not, call Animal Control to ensure that the pet is not in distress.

Stay cool and safe this summer!

## Upcoming Mobile Adoption Events

Find directions and details at [www.loudoun.gov/animals](http://www.loudoun.gov/animals).

**Friday, August 7**

**11:30am—1:30pm**

Pizza Hut, Leesburg

**Sunday, August 9**

**9:00am—1:00pm**

Cascades Farmer's Market,  
Sterling

**Sunday, August 16**

**2:00pm—4:00pm**

Dulles Town Center Mall  
(outside Cheesecake Factory)

**Sunday, August 23**

**12:00pm—2:00pm**

Brambleton Town Center

**Sunday, August 30**

**12:00pm—2:00pm**

Broadlands Marketplace  
(near Harris Teeter)



## C.A.R.E. Keeps Giving

Animal Care & Control's award winning C.A.R.E program is dedicated to providing pet owners in need with financial assistance, goods, and services to enhance the quality of life for their companion animals while keeping pets in loving, caring homes.

C.A.R.E. was created to provide food, housing, medical, and spay/neuter assistance to citizens of Loudoun County who are elderly, seriously ill, injured, or in a situation where they cannot afford to care for their pet.

As the economy continues to struggle, more and more families are requesting assistance through C.A.R.E. This

includes requests for food, spay/neuter assistance, and emergency medical care.

C.A.R.E. is maintained primarily through donations from individuals, groups, and businesses. We are always in need of dog and cat food for program recipients.

Donations can be brought to the Animal Shelter during normal business hours. Or, pick up can be arranged for large donations.

For more information on C.A.R.E., visit our website, [www.loudoun.gov/animals](http://www.loudoun.gov/animals). You can find more information on



C.A.R.E. services or download an application for assistance.

## Employees of the Month

**July was so busy that we have 3 Employees of the Month!**

**Rick Sherwood** is being recognized for his excellent work in Customer Service/Dispatch. In addition to his excellent customer service skills and ability to effectively and efficiently perform the dispatching function, he is being recognized for his efforts and commitment in caring for the animals housed in the shelter. His unselfish support of the entire Department operations including participating in adoption events or assisting with animal control activities is highly commendable. His willingness and enthusiasm to pitch-in and help as needed, especially during periods of staff shortages in the shelter is exemplary. In addition to volunteering to assist the shelter staff, his quality of work and understanding of the care and cleaning needs of the animals housed at the Shelter is outstanding. His work and effort is greatly appreciated by his co-workers and the entire Department.

**Thank you Rick for all you do!**

**Ellen Nadeau** is being recognized for her excellent work as the Supervisory Animal Care Technician. In July, she filled in during her supervisor's absence performing all assigned duties in an excellent manner. She did an excellent job communicating & coordinating all work activities ensuring that all staff were kept in the "loop" on sheltering activities. Her unselfish support of the entire Department's operations ensuring that the kennels were ready for a dog seizure at time of intake and having to manage a dramatic increase in the shelter's animal population was outstanding. Staff greatly appreciated her efforts and ability to handle some very complex and/or complicated situations while working with staff to ensure they have what they need to perform their work. Her work and effort is greatly appreciated by her supervisor, subordinates and the entire Department.

**Thank you Ellen for all you do!**

**Janette Reeve** is being recognized for excellent work as an Animal Control Officer. During the past month, she was involved in a highly complex cruelty case that required a high level of skill in dealing with the situation the animals were in and with the difficult and delicate circumstances involving the animal owner. She did an excellent job in handling both matters and in ensuring that her supervisor and staff at the shelter were continuously aware of the situation. Her tremendous effort resulted in a successful seizure that ensured the removal of all of the animals from the property and the conditions they were subject to. Staff greatly appreciated her efforts and ability to handle this very complex and/or complicated situation. They also expressed their appreciation for her dedicated care for these and the other animals at the shelter and for assisting them with other cases and with coverage. Her work and effort is greatly appreciated by the entire Department.

**Thank you Janette for all you do!**



**Congratulations Rick, Ellen, and Janette!**